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Hugo Malanga Named Newest Public Works Deputy Director *Will head newly-created Traffic & Transportation Division*

(Houston, Texas) – City of Houston Public Works and Engineering Department (PWE) Director Jon Vanden Bosch announced that he has hired Hugo Malanga to head his department's newly-created Traffic & Transportation Division. Malanga was most recently employed by the City of Fort Worth where he served as Director of the Transportation and Public Works Department.

Mr. Malanga has over 38 years of traffic engineering management experience and has held traffic management positions in Charlottesville, Virginia; Glendale, Arizona; Waco, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas and Montgomery County, Maryland. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Mr. Malanga said, "I am very pleased to be in Houston and am looking forward to the challenges associated with managing Houston's traffic. We have a great team in place and I'm looking forward to getting to work."

The Traffic & Transportation Division includes a budget of approximately \$38 million per year and approximately 215 employees divided among the following work groups: Signal Maintenance, Signs & Markings; Signal Operations; Traffic Engineering; Traffic Transportation Planning and the TranStar Transportation and Emergency Management Center.

Mr. Vanden Bosch explained that he created the new Traffic & Transportation Division from elements of PWE's Engineering, Construction and Real Estate Division and Right-of-Way and Fleet Maintenance Division along with elements of the TranStar Transportation and Emergency Management Center. He went on to state, "My goal is to provide a tighter management structure for this very vital function. By combining the groups with primary responsibility for traffic mobility under one management structure, they can more closely communicate and work together. Our aim is to decrease the time between when decisions affecting traffic flow are made and when they are implemented in the field. The quicker we can design and implement a fix to a given traffic situation, the more smoothly traffic will flow."

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